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1 ■ either adj

[ME *either*, *aither*, adj. & pron., fr. OE *æghwæther*, *ægther* both, each (akin to OHG *iogihwedar* each of two), fr. a always + *ge-*, collective prefix + *hwæther* which of two, whether --- more at [AYE](#), [CO-](#), [WHETHER](#)]

1 : the one and the other of the two: **EACH**

»flowers blooming on *either* side of the walk«

2 : the one or the other of the two

»use *either* foot, no matter which«

»you may take *either* fork of the road«

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